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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/6/10.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-5,7,8,11,13,14,17,29 and 31-33 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-5,7,8,11,13,14,17,29 and 31-33 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

On page 9, applicant argues that Coffee fails to disclose telecommunications plant equipment being part of a network. While the applicant's points are understood, the examiner respectfully disagrees. See for example Coffee paragraph 0568. There Coffee discloses the use of a dispatch system, or telecommunication plant. The dispatch system uses telecommunications via a network to route service calls to a technician. Therefore the rejection has been maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 13-14, 17, 29, and 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coffee et al. (2006/0182055), (hereinafter referred to as "Coffee") in view of Ohto et al. (7119831), (hereinafter referred to as "Ohto") in further view of Andrews et al. (6900762), (hereinafter referred to as "Andrews").

Regarding claim 1, Coffee discloses an apparatus that relates to monitoring remote business locations (Coffee: paragraph 0002). This apparatus comprises "a plurality of telecommunications plant equipment having a set of equipment characteristics comprising information about the plant equipment relevant to servicing the equipment" (Coffee: paragraph 0289; paragraph 0568,

wherein by making a service call, the equipment characteristics must be known), "a first network interface in communication with a network engineering center via a service network" (Coffee: figure 1), "communicate to the engineering center, the location and set of characteristics associated with the plant equipment" (Coffee: figures 18 and 20), "a portable technician device comprising a second location sensor configured to provide a location associated with the portable technician device, a second interface in communication with the engineering center, and receive from the center, an indication of servicing need for one of the equipment, receive from the center the first location and set of characteristics, and map a route to the plant equipment as a function of the second location and first location" (Coffee: figures 5, 9-10, 18, 20; paragraph 0161, 0344-0345, wherein the directions provide the mapped route). However, this apparatus lacks the first location sensor as claimed. Ohto teaches that it is difficult to understand the relationship between the provided information and buildings (Ohto: column 2, lines 40-47). To help alleviate this problem, Ohto discloses "a first location sensor to provide a first location associated with the telecommunications plant equipment" (Ohto: figures 3 and 13; column 10, line 62 - column 11, line 8, wherein the plant equipment would be housed within the building). Andrews teaches that determining locations within buildings is a difficult task (Andrews: column 1, lines 45-55). To help alleviate this problem, Andrews discloses "a first location sensor being installed at and associated with the plant equipment and configured to report the location and determining an

installation location having a high GPS strength " (Andrews: column 6, lines 30-52, wherein the location sensor is the GPS receiver which reports the location; the determined location is the location on top of the building). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to take the apparatus disclosed by Coffee and add the sensor taught by Ohto and Andrews in order to obtain an apparatus that better helps provide the relationship between the information and buildings.

Regarding claim 2, Coffee in view of Ohto discloses "a distance and direction sensor and calculating a third location based in part on the second location, the direction, and the distance, wherein the third location is the location of the object in the image" (Coffee: figures 5, 9-10, 18 and 20; Ohto: figures 3 and 13).

Regarding claim 3, Coffee discloses "the portable device comprises a transmitter that provides the location of the object in the image to a query database" (Coffee: figure 9).

Regarding claim 4, Coffee discloses "the portable device comprises a receiver to receive description information from the database" (Coffee: figure 9, wherein the receiver is the transceiver).

Regarding claim 5, Ohto discloses "the object is a landmark wherein the information about the landmark is walking directions" (Ohto: figure 13).

Regarding claim 7, Ohto discloses "a display operable to display information selected from the following: the image" (Ohto: figure 13).

Regarding claim 8, Ohto discloses “access a map, wherein the map includes a route from the image sensor to the object and providing the map to the display” (Ohto: figures 13-15).

Regarding claim 11, note the examiners rejection for claim 1.

Regarding claims 13-14, note the examiners rejection for claim 1.

Regarding claim 17, note the examiners rejection for claims 1 and 3.

Regarding claim 29, note the examiners rejection for claim 1.

Regarding claim 31, Coffee discloses the “equipment comprises inside or outside plant equipment” (Coffee: paragraph 0568).

Regarding claim 32, Coffee discloses “the equipment characteristics is selected from customer information” (Coffee: figure 20E, wherein the customer information is included in the message).

Regarding claim 33, note the examiners rejection for claim 1.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID CZEKAJ whose telephone number is (571)272-7327. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571) 272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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